**Heath Committee Report**

**September 2023**

The Health Committee has not had a meeting; one is scheduled for October 19, 2023. There have, however, been some developments. Rich Prophet has indicated that he is unable to continue in his role on this committee. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Rich for his dedication and work on behalf of seniors. A replacement is being sought. We hope to have a name to announce in the near future.

Some of us took a leisurely approach to summer, Bill Berryman did not. He perused the press releases from the Canadian Health Coalition and forwarded them onto the Health Committee. These articles outline concerns that we should all heed.

While we did not meet formally, I did canvas the members via email regarding current and emerging issues from their jurisdictions that we, as a Health Committee, must be aware.

1. Lack of housing for seniors and low-income persons.
2. Lack of supports for ageing-in-place.
3. Pension amalgamation. Public sector pensions have been bought together under AIMCEO in Alberta.
4. Social and economic well-being plan.
5. Adult protection, and elder abuse.
6. Lack of healthcare resources
7. Vaccines, especially high dose, flu vaccines and shingles vaccines for seniors.
8. National Standards for Long Term Care facilities, and Private Nursing Homes. Including issues of compliance and enforcement.
9. For fee medical services.

I thank all members of this committee who have taken the time to provide information on the above outlined concerns. We will work diligently to achieve success on these identified concerns.

Respectfully submitted

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Chair